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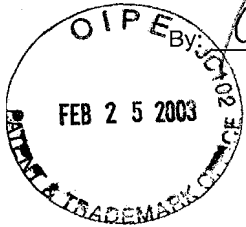
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Application No.: 09/887,625 Examiner: A.K. CHAKRABARTI
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (amended) A method of detecting nucleic acid fragments in plural samples which consists essentially of:

attaching an electroconductive label to nucleic acid fragments in one sample and attaching another electroconductive label to nucleic acid fragments in another sample, the former electroconductive label and the latter electroconductive label having oxidation-reduction potentials differing from each other;

preparing a mixture of the samples containing nucleic acid fragments to which electroconductive labels are attached;

bringing the mixture into contact with an electroconductive microarray having plural